



Office of Arts and Special Projects
Paul King, Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: High School Principals
FROM: Barbara Murray, Director of Music
RE: Music Commencement Examination (Exam Code: UXEA)
EXAM DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 1:15 PM--4:30 PM

12th grade students who are preparing to graduate with a Chancellor's Endorsed Diploma in the Arts: Music will successfully complete the June 2016 Music Commencement Examination. This exam is designed to evaluate the learning that has taken place over the span of a student's high school career. The examination is also aligned with the *Blueprint for Teaching and Learning in Music*.

Student Eligibility: The exam is available to high school seniors who have amassed a **minimum of 9-10 credits in sequential music coursework**. This advanced designation can be applied toward partial fulfillment of the Regents diploma requirements.

The Commencement Music Examination consists of three sections:

- Section I: Written short answers
- Section II: NYSSMA Solo Adjudication
- Section III: Portfolio of documented school-time and out-of-school time performances, and a written self-reflective essay

Students must complete all three sections of the exam in order to qualify for the endorsed diploma.

Address questions to Barbara Murray, Director of Music, at Bmurray@schools.nyc.gov

Cc: Paul King
Exam Coordinators